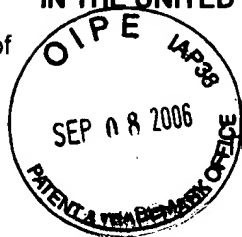


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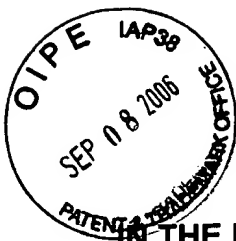
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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 8, 2006, entry and consideration of  
the following amendments and remarks are requested.